

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2183

Introduced by

Senators Sorvaag, Campbell, Dever

Representatives M. Johnson, Kading, Kasper

1 | A BILL for an Act to create and enact ~~atwo~~ new ~~section~~sections to chapter 37-18 of the North
2 | Dakota Century Code, relating to the conferment of a veterans commemorative memorial coin;
3 | to provide ~~ana~~ continuing appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs; and to provide for
4 | retroactive application.

5 | **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 | **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 | and enacted as follows:

8 | **Commemorative memorial coin - Eligibility.**

9 | 1. The department of veterans' affairs shall create and confer a commemorative

10 | memorial coin upon a family member of a deceased North Dakota veteran during
11 | military funeral honors for that veteran if the deceased veteran:

12 | a. Served on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected reserve and
13 | departed the armed forces or national guard under conditions other than
14 | dishonorable;

15 | b. Completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in
16 | the selected reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable or
17 | was discharged from the selected reserve due to a disability incurred or
18 | aggravated in the line of duty;

19 | c. Died while serving on active duty, in the national guard, or in the selected
20 | reserve; or

21 | d. Was a member of the commissioned officer corps of the public health service, the
22 | national oceanic and atmospheric administration, or a civilian or contractual
23 | group of individuals given active duty service determinations and considered a
24 | veteran under Public Law No. 95-202.

1 2. A family member of a deceased North Dakota veteran may purchase a
2 commemorative memorial coin from the department of veterans' affairs at a cost
3 determined by the department.

4 3. As used in this section "family member" means a spouse, parent, child, or other
5 individual related by blood.

6 ~~**SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general~~
7 ~~fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$8,500, or so much of the sum~~
8 ~~as may be necessary, and from the funds derived from private donations, the sum of \$25,500,~~
9 ~~or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the~~
10 ~~purpose of providing funding for at least four thousand commemorative memorial coins for the~~
11 ~~biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. Of the funds appropriated, the~~
12 ~~department of veterans' affairs shall use up to \$4,000 for the design of the coin.~~

13 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 37-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
14 and enacted as follows:

15 **Commemorative memorial coin fund - Continuing appropriation.**

16 1. There is created in the state treasury a commemorative memorial coin fund, which
17 consists of:

18 a. Any moneys appropriated or transferred to the department of veterans' affairs for
19 the purposes set forth in section 1 of this Act; and

20 b. Any gifts, grants, and donations received by the department for the purposes set
21 forth in section 1 of this Act.

22 2. All moneys in the commemorative memorial coin fund are appropriated to the
23 department of veterans' affairs on a continuing basis for the purposes set forth in
24 section 1 of this Act.

25 **SECTION 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** Subsection 2 of Section 1 of this Act applies
26 to all family members of a deceased veteran, regardless of the date of death of the veteran.